

BEYOND OUR BORDERS.

The roll of Elton contains 964 names, the largest number on record. There are 541 registered at Harrow.

The estimated population of Africa is two hundred millions, fully two-thirds of which is made up of negroes and Hottentots.

India is reported as a prominent wheat-exporting country, although raising only 238,000,000 bushels to her two hundred millions of population.

An elaborate history of the conquest of England by the Normans is being prepared by King Leopold, of Belgium. The King has visited the scenes of old-time conflicts in order to further the perfection of his work.

Reports from artists abroad say the American artist is held in all the highest esteem. The great art schools receive him cordially and as though a native born. It is said that in France particularly is this kindly feeling manifested.

English correspondents say the British Museum is the repository for a complete history of the art of engraving from its inception. There is a full representation of every branch of the art, and ample opportunity for an interesting study is offered.

In speaking of the marriage customs in the region of Sheffield, an English vicar stated that the people there are married in batches, that the "bridalroom" almost invariably got the thing too small, and had at times to tell the lady's delicate little finger to induce the stubborn ring to move on.

A company in London, Eng., furnishes water at a pressure of seven hundred pounds to the square inch, to customers, for running elevators, printing-presses, pumps, etc., through the medium of water-motors. The company has twenty miles of main laid, and furnishes water for four hundred and fifty-eight motors.

Hungary has within its borders one hundred and forty-three towns, in seventy-four of which the Magyar element predominates, in twenty-four the German, in twenty-four the Slav, in six the Roumanian, and in one each the Serbian and Bulgarian. Thirteen towns are not marked by the distinct preponderance of any nationality.

The King of Italy has signed a decree authorizing the publication of a new and complete edition of Galileo's works, at the expense of the State. The Ministry of education has, with the cooperation of leading scientists, undertaken the preparation of this edition. It will comprise twenty quarto volumes, of about five hundred pages each.

The library of the British Museum now contains more than two million books, which occupy three miles lineal of book-cases eight feet high. The library has increased to such an extent that the disposition of the books has become a serious difficulty to the authorities. There is still so much crowding that in a very short time the state of the library will necessitate the building of a new wing, unless other means are devised to obviate the difficulty. The scheme which has now been considered by the trustees and has received their sanction is one for the introduction of movable presses into the library.

An English paper calls attention to the movement toward building ship canals. As showing the extent and nature of the movement, it instances the Panama and the North Sea canals, on which work is being actively pushed. It also mentions the canal across the Isthmus of Corinth, which it is expected will be finished in about two years. The fact that trade interests, large as they are, bear only a secondary part in the construction of the North Sea canal is shown by the fact that interest which Germany takes in her navy. The canal really is a military road in case of war. To make her fleet more effective Germany is willing to spend nearly \$5,000,000 on a canal.

A very valuable vail with an interesting history is the property of the church of Mexico, Mexico. For nearly three centuries Spaniards were in the habit of vowing a jewel to the vail of Our Lady of Mexico if they returned safely from a voyage to Spain until, in Maximilian's time the vail was bejeweled to the value of \$300,000. Three German adventurers, after Maximilian's downfall, determined to carry away this vail as booty. They laid their plans with great care and caution and secured the vail, but in some way they were discovered, and a party of pursuers overtook them in a narrow pass where two of them were killed, the third escaping under cover of darkness, leaving behind him, however, the precious vail, which was regained and restored to the altar, where it is now more vigilantly guarded than ever.

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of her reign, Queen Victoria was presented by the Emperor William with a dinner service of the famous Dresden yellow ware, consisting of upwards of 600 pieces. The plates have a million portraits of Her Majesty's celebrated contemporaries and predecessors of her reign. There is an enormous counterpane, surrounded by a statuette of the Queen, and all around it are medallions, portraits in relief of the members of the royal family. This splendid gift is a worthy addition to the art treasures of Windsor Castle, where there is some of the finest service in the world. In the grand corridor there are three enormous Rose du Barri cases, valued at \$100,000, and in the green drawing-room there is the famous Sevres dinner service, which could be sold for \$250,000 any day.

In accordance of this marriage customs of other countries, the method practiced in Singapore is given. The daim is given a canoe and a double-bladed paddle, and allowed a start of some distance. The sailor, similarly equipped, starts off in chase. If he succeeds in overtaking her she becomes his wife; if not, the match is broken off. It is said that objection is offered at the last moment and the race is generally a short one. The maiden's arms are strong, but her heart is soft and her nature is warm, and she soon becomes a willing captive. If the marriage takes place where no stream is near, a round circle of a certain size is formed, the daim is given half the circle's start, and if she succeeds in running three times round before her suitor comes up with her she is entitled to remain a virgin; if not, she must consent to the bonds of matrimony. As in the other cases, but few outstrip their lovers.

As connection with the erection of a tomb in Lahore, there is a romance of considerable interest. The tomb was built for the reception of the remains of the Emperor Jehanpur, by the most honored of Mohammedan women, Noor Jehan, his wife. When her appearance, Jehanpur, who was enamored of this woman, who was married to one of his followers. Upon gaining the throne the Emperor caused the husband to be slain and eventually secured the wife. She became exalted in the land, and is said to have invented the fine perfume known as "attar of roses." Upon Jehanpur's death she had the tomb built and then retired from the world, vowing never to be taken of an inebriated widow. It is said she lived many years afterward upon a comfortable annuity of one million dollars.

COOKERY MORSELS.

If cream is thoroughly chilled before being whipped it will froth more easily. A breakfast dish not to be despised is made by trying cold chicken in pancake batter.

SANDWICHES of toasted bread with sardines and sliced lemon forms a palatable luncheon, especially in warm weather.

To crystallize cherries, currents, etc., dip the fruit, still on the stem, in beaten white of eggs; lay it on a sieve for a few minutes to drain. Then roll in pulverized sugar, lay on white paper and place in an open window or a cool oven to dry. Keep in a cool dry place till served.

Few people know that pineapples in their native country are never sliced, but after peeling they are carefully broken from the core in small pieces with a silver fork. If this way is once tried no one will again injure the fine flavor by cutting across the grain. They should always be so prepared both for table and canning.

TAPIoca FRUIT.—Pour a quart of boiling water over a cupful of tapioca and let it stand one hour. Lay out peaches or apples (fresh or canned) upon a buttered dish, add two cupfuls of sugar, a little lemon, or vanilla to the tapioca; pour this over the fruit and bake one hour. This is a simple, wholesome and very nice pudding.

SARDINES CHIPS.—Take the potatoes and cut them in very thin slices and lay them in cold water and salt for an hour or more. Then dry them on a towel, throw them into a deep bottle of smoking-hot fat and fry to a light brown; skim them out of the fat into a colander, scatter a little salt over them, shake them about and turn upon a platter to serve.

WHITE FRUIT CAKE.—Take a teacup of butter, two of sugar, the whites of eight eggs beaten light. Cream the butter and sugar, add a wine-glass of lemon and rose-water, one teaspoon salt, two of baking powder; mix this with flour into a batter with the cream; cut up one-quarter pound citron, take one cup coconut, one-half pound blanched almonds, chop and mix with five cups flour; bake one hour.

ALWAYS use cold water in making soups. Skim well, especially during the first hour. There is great necessity for thorough skimming and to help the soup to rise pour in a little cold water now and then, and as the soup reaches the boiling point skim it off. Use salt at first sparingly, but season well with salt and pepper before taking it up. A quart of soup to three or four persons is the quantity to allow.

PEACHES Jelly.—Soak half a package of gelatine for an hour or more in half a cupful of water. Chop up a small pineapple and simmer it ten minutes with a scant cupful of sugar and a cupful of water; then add the gelatine, remove from the fire and strain. When it has partly cooled add the whites of four eggs and beat well. When the mixture begins to thicken, pour it into moulds and set it away to harden.

SPINACH served in the following manner proves very attractive: After washing put it into enough salted boiling water to cover it. When cooked squeeze out all the water, press the spinach through a colander and then fry it a few minutes in a little butter and season with salt and pepper. Lay thin slices of buttered toast on a platter, and on each slice put a cupful of spinach nicely pressed into shape; lay the top of each heap of spinach press the half of a hard-boiled egg.

A Dainty breakfast-dish is this made: To cold corned, or roast beef, minced and freed from gristle or strings, add an equal quantity of mashed or sliced boiled potato. Mix well together and season with salt and pepper. Put into a frying pan a large cupful of boiling water, with half as much gravy from which the fat has been skimmed, and a teaspoonful of made mustard. Boil up briskly before stirring in the chopped meat and potato. Toss and stir until the contents of the pan are like a bubbling, smoking heap. Add more boiling water should the meat and potato absorb the liquid too rapidly, and do not let the hash stick to the bottom of the pan. In the absence of gravy, double the quantity of butter, dissolving in boiling water.

MENTAL FROLIC.

Those who pull well together—Partners in dentistry.

An old-timer said: "Mr. 'D'ear," "Dear 'D'ing," "Dear Sir," "Sir." The California Cuckler is the comprehensive title of a little, wild Western sheet that is kicked off weekly right on the brink of the great Pacific.

THINK once was an lechydousurk. Who lived when the earth was all porous, But he fainted with shame, When he first heard his name.

When he first heard his name, And departed a long time before us. —*Philadelp. Press.*

The only man we have come across recently who did not want the whole earth was a sea-sick individual who expressed an intense longing for only a small portion of it.

A SOUTH sailing ship with bad liquor, Became such an onerous burden, And made such a din, That the cops ran him in.

Which obliged him to pawn his good trader. —*American Commercial Traveler.*

It is quite commonly supposed that the heart of a poet is incapable of feeling, but it is reported that upon the separation of two Poles recently landed at Castle Garden, they were both nearly heart-broken.

"Hesitate, I hear that your sister is ill. What is the matter with her?" "I don't know, ma'am. May be it's the diploma." "The what, child?" "The diploma. I heard mother say that she took it at school."

A public house in a New Hampshire town has for its name, "The Quinquina-possakossanagag House." Some may mistake this for a Russian establishment, but we are assured to the contrary; the object of the proprietor is thus employing the whole alphabet to furnish his runners something to do in slack seasons.

A prevailing impression that five pounds of boiled beef was more than a person could eat at one time, was recently destroyed by a Pute Indian who engulfed the beef and wagged his insatiate jaws for more. All doubts in the matter being settled, and beef being scarce, he was again in vain and his insatiate jaws remained insatiate still.

RHYTHMIC RAYS.

A Ship.

A brooklet and a pretty maid o'er mossy stones went tripping. And then the pretty maid said: "I'm awful afraid of slipping." The saucy brooklet laughed aloud, as it ran o'er a boulder, And whispered: "She'd have surely slipped if he'd been here to hold her."

Pleasantries.

When a life insurance agent goes insuring— Goes insuring— Lives of women, or of children, or adults, Or adults, Who can gauge the hard rebuffs he is enduring—

Is enduring— Or the daily mean maneuver that insults— That insults— When he pleads the cause of orphan and of mother—

And of mother— Don't you dream his life's an endless round of fun— Round of fun; Taking one consideration with another—

With another, A life agent's life is not a happy one. —*Continued Telegram.*

Lay of the City Chap.

I'll be me away where the sweet country is, Is king of his proud domain, Where horses, lambs, chickens and pigs by the dozen

Are neighing and lowing And grunting and crowing In sweet and harmonious strain.

Where pleasures bubble like eggs and fresh butter, Make life a sweet dream of content, I'll rest and be free from this turmoil and clutter—

I'll drink in the pleasure Of life without measure And not have to squander a cent. —*Exchange.*

Only.

Only picking roses in the dusty lane, Where the tangled clover wastes its sweets in vain; Red-cheeked, blushing softly at the faintest sound, Dearest little maiden in the lanes around.

Life seems sweet and radiant, decked in royal sheen; Only picking roses in the hedges green.

Only strolling idly where the corn grows tall, Seeing if the grain-head promise bears for fall; Strictly in his meadows, down the lane he goes.

Looking in the hedges—happy for a rose! At a blue dress flutter, how his pulses beat! Only strolling idly 'mid the corn and wheat.

Summer eve is lovely; but 'tis sweeter far, Seen to more advantage, where the strollers are, One is idly walking, two make just a pair, All the soft bright blushes shame the roses rare.

If some tender love words on a shy ear fall, Who shall be the wiser? Roses can not tell, —*Edna C. G. Pugh, in Sun's Herald.*

Ambiguous.

"I didn't mean to scold, dear Nellie. The tears have large eyes full—"

"But you'll forget what I have said And say you love me still!"

"My dearest Nellie, I love your voice, So talk away at will! But—since you say it is your choice— I also love you still."

—*Life.*

The Humorous Flirt.

Perhaps you think it isn't hard, A task that's any thing but solemn, To grant one's verses by the yard, And "study" instances by the dozen.

If so, sit down yourself and try, To bound an any poem in rhyme, Whose age will not call forth a sigh, Whose back will not seem out of joint.

And write a simple, rhythmic "poem" That we'll not sound silly, dull or queer— But keep your manuscript at home! For every scribe don't bring a hero! —*Exchange.*

A Merry Heart.

'Tis well to have a merry heart, However short we stay; There's wisdom in a merry heart, Whatever the world may say.

Philosophy may lift its head, And find out many a flaw, But give me the philosophy That's happy with a straw!

If life brings us happiness— It brings us, we are told, What's hard to buy, though rich ones try, With all their heaps of gold.

There's a laugh away—let others say, While'er they will of mirth, Who laughs the most will truly boast He's got the wealth of earth.

There's music in a merry laugh, A moral beauty, too; It shows the heart's an honest heart That's paid each man his due, And let a share of what to spare, Despite of woman's feud.

And made the cheek's less sorrow speak, The eye weep fewer tears. —*N. Y. Herald.*

Mother and Home.

A little child in the busy street, A child with a shy face, frowny, sweet, And brown eyes, troubled and half afraid, By the noise and hurry quite dismayed.

I lifted the baby hand and said— "Smoothing the curls on the golden head: "Where is your home, my little one?" For the summer's day was nearly done.

And the swift tears came and her reply, As she trusted answered, sweetly shy: "Home is where mamma is, you know, Won't you take me there? I want to go."

Where mother is! Oh, the world of love! No matter how far, how far may roam, When weary and worn in constant strife, Mother and home are the best of life.

Blessed is he who may smiling say: "I'm going home to mother to-day," God's mercy hallow that home so dear, Where mother our footsteps waits to hear.

Bless the busy hands and cheery smile That brighten and comfort all the while; Nothing on earth can with home compare, When a loving mother waits its share. —*Marionne Weston, in Good Housekeeping.*

CHINESE and Japanese eat everything that come out of the sea. All the fishes are good to their taste, and are caught with great skill. Sea-weeds of several sorts are sent far into the interior to be used in thickening soups, gravies and puddings, and are highly prized because they give a relishing flavor of salt, which is a luxury beyond the reach of most Chinese peasants.

The use of sea-weed is almost identical with the very common use of "Irish moss" by Americans in making toothsome dishes. But, indeed, fishes and sea-weed are eaten the world over; but surely no other people eat the tide-flat animals swallowed by the natives of Yesso. For example, the most simply organized of the class of animals to which "shellfish" belong are called ascidians. They grow sometimes singly, sometimes in clusters, and are rooted immovably to the sandy bottom, subsisting on what the currents may bring to them. In Japan there is an ascidian which is as large as one's fist. It has no shell whatever, and is a gray, flabby, tulip-shaped sac, supported on a short stalk. But in spite of its forbidding appearance the Japs pickle it in vinegar and use it as food.

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